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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Appearance of DCI before Senate Armed Services
Committee - Tuesday, 6 March 1962, 10:30 a.m.

1. In accordance with previous arrangements, the Director appeared before the full Senate Armed Services Committee in executive session to discuss the Powers case. The hearing began at 10:30 a.m. There was a technical sweep of the room and a transcript was taken. Present from the Agency were:

John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence
Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel
John S. Warner, Legislative Counsel

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Present from the Committee were:

Senator Richard Russell, Chairman	Senator Leverett Saltonstall
Senator Harry Flood Byrd	Senator Margaret Chase Smith
Senator John Stennis	Senator Francis Case
Senator Stuart Symington	Senator Prescott Bush
Senator Henry M. Jackson	Senator J. Glenn Beall
Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr.	Senator Barry Goldwater
Senator Strom Thurmond	

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Present from the Committee staff were:

Harry L. Wingate, Jr.
William H. Darden

T. Edward Braswell, Jr.
Gordon A. Nease

2. Before the Director started his statement there was some discussion initiated by Senator Jackson as to why Powers should appear in public. Jackson did not appear to be fully convinced in face of the arguments that this would help the matter since eventually Powers would have to face the press. Further argument was made that a Committee other than one having legislative oversight would probably request that Powers appear before it.

3. Senator Russell then indicated that an unclassified statement would be released simultaneously by the House Armed Services and the Senate Armed Services at noon today.

4. The Director then proceeded to read his prepared classified statement. In addition, he did make some comments on the purpose of the release. These comments were actually read from a prepared statement.

5. Senator Russell was concerned that all members understand those classified areas which should be avoided in any questioning of Powers or in any statements by Committee members. These areas were indicated by the Director as including performance of aircraft specifically altitude, Powers' ability to withhold information from the Soviets, the [REDACTED]

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6. There was considerable discussion about leaks to the press and in particular the Kenworthy article in the NEW YORK TIMES of 28 February.

7. Senator Goldwater made a surprise contribution by indicating that he had actually flown the U-2 stating that it was a fragile aircraft and in fact anyone in his right mind would not even fly it because of its delicate structure.

8. All members seemed to have their questions answered satisfactorily. The meeting concluded at 12:15 p.m. [REDACTED]

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